

# **Agenda** *Williamstown City Council*

04/03/18

7:30 PM

*City Council Chambers*

**Type of meeting:** *Regular Meeting*

**Attendees:** *Mayor and City Council Members, City Attorney, and City Clerk*

## ***Agenda topics***

- 1. Call Meeting to Order*
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance*
- 3. Call Roll*
- 4. Minutes of Previous Meeting*
- 5. Pay Bills*
- 6. Cheyenne Oakes, Riverfront Roar 2018*
- 7. Second Reading of Ordinance Closing Portions of Streets*
- 8. Decision Concerning Joining Opioid Class Action Lawsuit*

## **Other Items Which May Be Discussed:**

- 1. Administrative Issues*
- 2. Community Swimming Pool*
- 3. Park Committee*
- 4. Planning Commission*
- 5. Board of Zoning Appeals*
- 6. Tree Committee*
- 7. Water Dept.*
- 8. Sanitary / Storm Water Board*
- 9. Sidewalk Plan*

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WILLIAMSTOWN CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2018

The Williamstown City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:30pm. Those in attendance were Mayor Jean Ford, Councilpersons Marty Seufer, Jim Stage, Barbara Lewis and Ron Erb, City Attorney Blaine Myers, and City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Knopp.

Mayor Ford called the meeting to order and Building Commission David VanHorn led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, all voted yes.

On a motion by Erb and second by Stage to approve the current bills for payment, all voted yes.

Councilwoman Lewis stated Cheyenne Oakes from the Riverfront Roar called and said they didn't have all their information ready yet and she would come to the next meeting.

On a motion by Stage and second by Lewis to approve an *Ordinance Closing Portions of Caroline Avenue and Elizabeth Street* on second reading, all voted yes. This will be the location of the new elementary school.

Councilman Seufer stated he believed there is a 15 foot alley between Henderson and Caroline and bordered by 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Elizabeth that will also need to be closed. He said he would contact Asst. Superintendent Mike Fling and check if this needs closed.

Mayor Ford stated Williamstown needs to decide if it wants to be part of the opioid lawsuit.

Atty. Myers stated he would first like to review the special counsel representation agreement.

Councilman Seufer said he felt it was important for Williamstown. We have added an officer just for these cases and it has affected Williamstown big time. He said the money from the lawsuit would help with recuperation and rehabilitation.

Mayor Ford stated that Parkersburg, Vienna and Wood County have all joined in the lawsuit.

Councilwoman Lewis asked Atty. Myers what his concerns were with joining the suit.

Atty. Myers said he would like to do his due diligence and review the agreement first.

Councilman Seufer stated the Wood County prosecuting attorney has reviewed the agreement.

Atty. Myers said he didn't have a problem with the City joining the lawsuit contingent upon his review of the agreement.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Stage to accept the agreement contingent upon Atty. Myers review, all voted yes.

Councilman Seufer stated the resolution concerning the lawsuit should be put on the next agenda.

Councilman Seufer stated someone from the City needs to approach the Development Authority about all the empty buildings in town that could potentially house businesses.

Councilman Stage said the Planning Commission is still awaiting plans for the Mondo Project and the Courtyards at Tucker's Landing Project.

Shane King, Chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals said they would meet on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Mayor Ford said this is on a variance request by the First Baptist Church of Williamstown.

Councilman Erb stated there is still a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals. He said Charles Corkran, who is here this evening, would like to be considered for this vacancy.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.